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In response to the Office Action mailed on July 31, 2002, (Paper No. 14), Applicants submit the following remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of the present claims is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

A. Indefiniteness (35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd Paragraph)

The Examiner stated that clarification of the language "a characteristic of said signal primer is that it may not function as an amplification primer" is needed.

A characteristic of an amplification primer is that its extension product is available for further amplification. Accordingly, extension products of an amplification primer may be